

**July 1, 2003**

# **Montana Medicaid Notice**

## **Transportation Providers**

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### **Local Modifiers Terminating**

Under HIPAA, state Medicaid programs and state Medicare carriers are required to phase-out all of their HPCPS Level III (local) codes and modifiers. These are alphanumeric codes beginning with 'W' through 'Z' and followed by four digits. The modifiers are generally two digit and also begin with 'W' through 'Z'. In many instances, these codes/modifiers are peculiar to a single state and very rarely common to all carriers like the CPT-4 and HPCPCS Level II codes.

The Montana Medicaid program has committed to replacing all local codes and modifiers with national codes and modifiers by December 31, 2003 in compliance with the national deadline. The Transportation program will be replacing these code and modifiers as required.

The Montana Medicaid transportation program will terminate two active 'Z' modifiers effective July 31, 2003. Multiple trips-same day services formerly billed using modifiers Z3 and Z4 will be billed with modifiers U2 and U3 beginning July 1, 2003. Modifier U2 – “second trip same day,” will replace modifier Z3. Modifier U3 – “third trip same day,” will replace modifier Z4.

### **Contact Information**

For more information, visit the Provider Information website:

**<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>**

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

**Provider Relations in Helena and out-of-state: (406) 442-1837**

**In-state toll-free: 1-800-624-3958**